

Terrace Hill (Allen-Hubbell House,  
now Governor's Mansion)  
2300 Grand Avenue  
Des Moines  
Polk County  
Iowa

HABS No. IA-69

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PHOTOGRAPHS

HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

STATE IOWA	COUNTY POLK	TOWN OR VICINITY DES MOINES
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) TERRACE HILL		HABS NO. 1A-69
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Allen-Hubbell House, now Governor's Mansion		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 2300 Grand Avenue		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Built 1867-69	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) W. W. Boyington of Chicago, architect; Job T. Elletson, landscape designer.	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Terrace Hill is one of Iowa's finest examples of the Second Empire style. Built in the late 1860's, Terrace Hill was built for B.F. Allen. It was purchased in 1884 by wealthy businessman F.M. Hubbell and remained in that family until 1971 when it was acquired by the state.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Second Empire		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick with wooden trim and precast concrete quoins and window hoods.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Irregular in shape, this dwelling is two stories with a full third story under the slate mansard roof.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The highly decorated house contains a heavily bracketed cornice, decorative dormers, a large one-story front porch combined with a four-story mansard entrance tower and intermittent stained glass windows.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Unknown		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Excellent, now the Governor's mansion.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Shank, Wesley L., <u>The Iowa Catalog: Historic American Buildings Survey</u> , University of Iowa Press, Iowa City, 1979.		
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